

White Hall, Illinois: As a community bank, Peoples Bank & Trust recognizes the value of volunteerism in our communities. To commend and promote volunteerism, Peoples Bank & Trust has established a program to recognize outstanding community volunteers and organizations that exhibit outstanding volunteerism and promote the improvement of our communities. The recipients of these awards are chosen by the employees of the local branch.

The North Greene Youth Basketball League was chosen as the Volunteers of the Quarter for the 2nd quarter of 2024.

The North Greene Youth Basketball League was started when I was in the 5th grade by my late father-in-law, David Bell, said Amanda Bell. She noted that Bell along with a few other parents saw the need for a youth basketball program close to the North Greene area. This new league was for kids in the first through fifth grades to develop basketball knowledge and to work on basic fundamentals of the game. Since its development, the program has been managed by a number of volunteer parents. Amanda said, "When asked a few years ago, if my husband, Drew Bell and I could take over running the program, we couldn't say no."

The goal of the program remains the same: to share the game of basketball with the youth of our community, to develop basic skills and of course, to have a little fun in the process. In a world of competitive and travel sports everywhere, it is nice to relax and go back to the basics with all kids no matter their skill level or experience.

In recognition of the volunteers of the North Greene Youth Basketball League, Peoples Bank has made a donation to their organization and their name will be placed on a plaque displayed at the Bank.

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